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1. THIRD NEWSPAPER ITEM RELATING TO ZIA VISIT APPEARED SEPT. 20 UNDER BYLINE OF JAHAN-SHAHI WHO HAD OBTAINED PRIVATE INTERVIEW WITH ZIA. THAT ARTICLE WAS UNIQUE IN STATING THAT "OBSERVERS IN TEHRAN ATTACH CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE" TO FACT BHUTTO WAS ARRESTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER ZIA'S VISIT TO TEHRAN AND RIYADH AND SUGGESTING "THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR'S VISITS WAS TO GIVE IN DEPTH AND FIRSTHAND EXPLANATION OF BHUTTO'S WRONG DOINGS" AND REASSURE LEADERS OF IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA THAT PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE AFFECTED BY BHUTTO'S ACTIONS. HE THEN WROTE THAT IT WOULD APPEAR ZIA RECEIVED A "SYMPATHETIC EAR" BOTH IN TEHRAN AND RIYADH, AND "BHUTTO'S ARREST APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN APPROVED IN BOTH CAPITOLS."

2. THIS SURPRISING INFORMATION HAS BEEN DENIED TO THE AMBASSADOR BY THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER (SEE SEPARATE CONFIDENTIAL

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TEHRAN TELEGRAM). THE ARTICLE ITSELF WAS DENOUNCED TO US AS FALSE BY MFA DEPARTMENT HEAD SHIVA-RAZAVI WHEN WE SAW HIM SEPT. 25. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT JAHAN-SHAHI IS BEING DISCIPLINED FOR THIS REPORT, THOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONFIRM THE LATTER SINCE HE IS AT PRESENT AWAY ON A GOOD-WILL TRIP TO THE US, COURTESY OF PAN AMERICAN.

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